

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 12.3
TITLE: HEMOLYTIC DISEASE OF THE FETUS AND NEWBORN

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I. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

36460,59012

II. POLICY

The following procedures may be cost shared when medically necessary and appropriate for the management of hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn.

1. Intrauterine fetal transfusion (CPT 36460), using either intraperitoneal (IPT) or intravascular transfusion (IVT) methods.
2. Ultrasonic guided fetal blood sampling (CPT 59012), referred to as percutaneous umbilical blood sampling (PUBS), cordocentesis, and funiculocentesis.

III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Intravascular transfusion (IVT) is a direct transfusion technique, wherein the fetus is transfused by way of the umbilical vessel using a technique guided by ultrasound.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

Concurrent use of IVT and IPT intrauterine fetal transfusion methods is excluded as investigational (unproven).

END OF POLICY